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SUBJECT 1. Enlargement of Tartu Airfield  
2. Construction of AA and AT Defenses in Estonia

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1. The Tartu (58°23'N, 26°45'E) airfield, located in the eastern section of the city, has been enlarged considerably. The two original runways of the field have been repaired and extended in a northeasterly direction. Construction of four new runways was completed prior to January 1948. The runways are of concrete, but no accurate information is available as to their carrying capacity. Six new hangars of wooden construction also were completed about January 1948. Five heavy anti-aircraft batteries were visible in the area surrounding the airfield. New stone barracks constructed in the area were occupied for the first time in October 1947. At the time of [REDACTED] the field, only a small number of two-engine bombers were visible. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
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2. Permanent concrete emplacements for heavy caliber anti-aircraft guns have been built in the city of Tartu opposite the New Exhibition Square, further described as being on the other side of the main road leading to Viljandi. The emplacements are located along the railroad in such a way as to give the best protection to the railway station and the switch yard. At the time of observation, 20 heavy caliber anti-aircraft guns had been mounted. In addition, many smaller caliber weapons were being placed between the heavy emplacements.
3. Many Estonian prisoners-of-war have been engaged in digging trenches and building anti-tank obstacles throughout the area and in other parts of Estonia. Such activities have been noted particularly along the shoreline in the area of Parnu (58°23'N, 24°30'E), south of Valka (57°46'N, 26°02'E), and south and east of Pihkva (sic). In the opinion of the Estonians, the defenses are being built for hedgerow fighting, with the intention of creating a defense in depth.

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